Improvement of Visakhapatnam Raipur Highway

2102. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRASNPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government for the improvement of road from Visakhapatnam to Raipur;

(b) whether assistance has been sought from West Germany for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the districts thereof along with the progress made in the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up Central Road Fund

2103. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GYAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether modalities for setting up a Central Road Fund from the cess/duty on diesel have been finalised;

(b) if not, the reason for the delay;

(c) whether this amount is being kept under a separate head for the purpose specified by the Finance Minister in his Budget speech; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A note for consideration of the Cabinet has been finalized.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.